# South Delta Improvements and the Bay-Delta Program

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### What the CALFED Plan says

- Preferred Program Alternative employs a through-Delta approach to conveyance
- This approach is intended to work as a package of actions that will:
  - Improve water supply reliability
  - Protect and improve Delta water quality
  - Improve ecosystem health
  - Protection for local diverters

## ROD Conveyance/EWA/Financing Commitments

#### South Delta Improvements

- Increase pumping to 8,500 (2003)
  - Temporary barriers
  - Other actions to protect local diverters
  - Plan for coordinated operations of SWP/CVP
- Increase pumping to 10,300 (2007)
  - Design and construct new fish screens
  - Design and install operable barriers
  - Reduce agricultural drainage in the delta
- Design and construct lower SJR floodway improvements (2005)
- Design and construct an SWP-CVP intertie (decision by 2004)
- Design and construct a San Luis bypass canal (2004)

#### **Environmental Water Account**

- 4 year experiment
- Need decision on long-term EWA (2004)

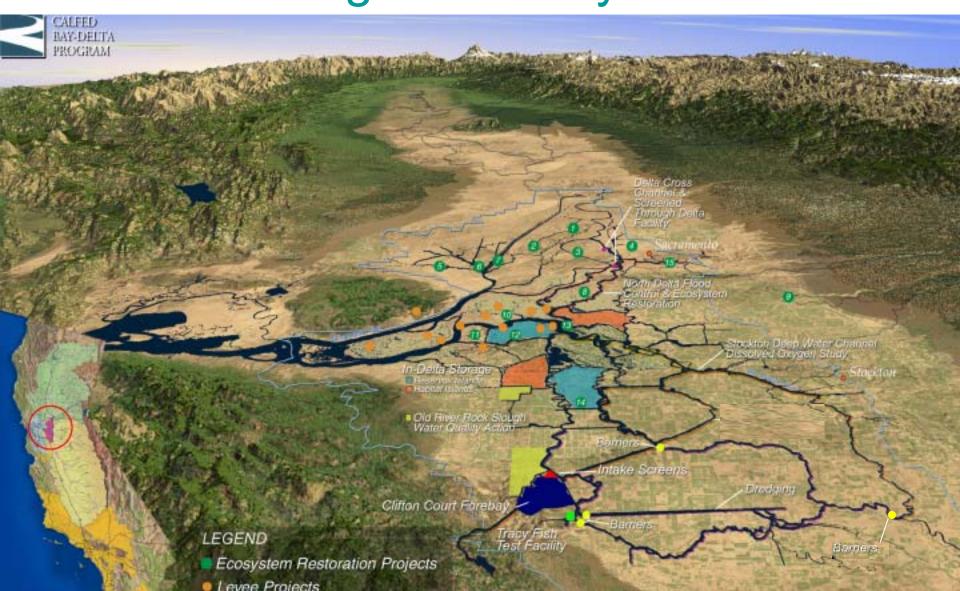
### Financing Plan

- Implement beneficiary pays principle
- Enact broad-based user fee

## Context/Purpose of the Napa proposal

- Seeks to resolve conflicts and align interests related to one part of the overall package of South Delta Improvements: Coordinated operations of the SWP/CVP
- The provisions will be evaluated as part of the overall South Delta improvement package with public review and input

## SWP/CVP operations have impacts throughout the system



## Need to counter misperceptions

- The proposal <u>is</u> part of an overall package of improvements
- The overall package <u>will</u> be crafted with public input and review
- The proposal <u>does not</u> circumvent the CALFED ROD

## Can the proposal help solve longstanding issues?

- Yes, to extent that it helps support the overall package
- A more flexible system will make it easier to meet our multiple objectives
- Had the water agencies and their contractors <u>not</u> sought to better coordinate their operations, we would have difficulty moving forward with a balanced Program

### Next steps ....

- Refine schedule of integrated key milestones (full package)
- Implement process for stakeholder involvement in development and review of key milestones (full package)

#### Working Draft

#### INTEGRATED KEY MILESTONES Feb Name Apr May Sep Oct Mar May CVP/SWP Operations Criteria and Plan (OCAP) OCAP Project Description Final OCAP/Biological Assessment Final Biological Opinion Trinity River Final Supplemental EIS Freeport Regional Water Project Public Draft EIR/S Comment Period Closes Final EIR/S Final Biological Opinion (OCAP) Record of Decision Science Program Public Workshops Water Ops Science Syposium Salmon Workshop Smelt Workshop Salmonid Recovery Plan Kickoff EWA Panel Review of Water Operations South Delta Improvement Program Public Drafts EIR/S & ASIP (ESA and NCCPA) Comment Period Closes Final Biological Opinion (OCAP) Final EIR/S ROD/NOD DMC/CA Intertie (400 cfs) Public Draft EA/IS Decision on FONSI/Negative Declaration Environmental Water Account (Years 4-7) Public Draft EIR/S & ASIP (ESA &NCCPA) Comment Period Closed Final EIR/S ROD/NOD Environmental Water Account (Long-term) Draft Long-Term EWA Final Agreement on Continuance Re-consultation on CALFED Programmatic BO